Review of the Delimitation Act

822. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a high level Committee to review the Delimitation Act, and the concerns expressed by the Sachar Committee regarding anomalies in the representation of Muslims in the political sphere; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The concerns of the Sachar Committee on this issue have been referred to the High Level Group of Delimitation.

Electricity generation from wastes

†823. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that dumping of plastics, oils, polythenes and garbage in drains in urban and rural areas chokes the drainage system;

(b) whether Government are considering to develop advanced technology to generate power from this garbage at national level;

(c) if so, whether the Government undertakings and the private multinational companies have taken initiatives to generate power;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made in the initiatives taken/proposed to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Indiscriminate littering of garbage alongwith other wastes and the absence of organized segregation creates problems for the drainage systems in urban and rural areas.

(b) to (e) Several technologies have been developed internationally for power generation from garbage. However, their application in India will depend upon local conditions such as waste characteristics, scale of operation and commercial viability. Three projects on energy recovery from Municipal Solid Wastes have been undertaken in the recent past at Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Lucknow. These projects were based on the technologies of biomethanation and combustion of Refuse Derived Fuel and were set up by private developers in association with respective Urban Local Bodies. Such projects can also be taken up by other Government organizations or through Public Private Partnership.

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